GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON PANCHAYATI RAJ SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) Whether a national workshop was organised to implement the Panchayati Raj system;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the suggestions made therein;

(c) whether the Government has prepared any action plan to implement the Panchayati Raj system effectively in the light of the suggestions made in the national workshop;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): Yes Sir,

(b) to (e): The workshop of writers and thinkers on local governance and Panchayati Raj was held in New Delhi on 23rd June to 25th June, 2006. This workshop covered a number of issues concerning Panchayati Raj such as devolution, governance, transparency, RTI, training and capacity building, gender issues, civil society and parallel institutions, state related issues, etc. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj, in the process of its day-to-day functioning is addressing all the issues. A publication, `State of the Panchayat -2006: A Mid-Term Review and Appraisal` has been brought out by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and laid on the table of both the houses of Parliament on 23rd November 2006.